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**Jesse B. Ramsey,
Longtime Gilman
Resident Dies**

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Jesse B. Ramsey, longtime and respected resident of the Gilman community, passed away in a Grinnell hospital Monday afternoon. He would have passed his 85th birthday on July 19. Mr. Ramsey farmed for many years two miles east of Gilman and had retired and moved to town only recently.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. Z. Henline in the Gilman Community church at 2 p.m. Wed. Flowers were in charge of Mrs. Fern Miller, Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mrs. Erma Paul and Mrs. Edna Johnson. Pall bearers were Sam Parker, James Parker, Arthur Schultz, Robert Lovig, Frank Coppock and Walter Paxton. Burial was in Prairie View cemetery in Gilman.

Mr. Ramsey, the son of John and Fannie Ramsey, was born, one of a family of six children, on a farm 2½ miles northeast of Gilman, July 19, 1868. Here he grew to manhood, attending the schools of Tama county, and later graduated from Iowa Business college in Des Moines.

Feb. 14, 1894, he was married to Lillian G. Ingersoll, also of the Gilman community. Immediately following the marriage they began housekeeping on a farm near Carroll, where they lived for two years. They then moved back to the Ramsey farm near Gilman which they later purchased. There they lived until 1946 when they sold the farm and moved into Gilman, where they since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey were parents of two sons, Martin of Sioux City and Ivan of Clinton, who, with their mother, sur-

vive. Mr. Ramsey is also survived by three grand-daughters and two great-grand children, also one sister, Mrs. Rilla Stoaks of Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Ramsey joined the Gilman Congregational church at the age of 12 and has been a faithful, loyal member ever since. He was trustee in the church for more than forty years.

In February of 1944 Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey celebrated their golden wedding at the Gilman Community church amid hosts of friends, and again on Feb. 14, 1949, their 55th wedding anniversary was observed with open house at their home. Their home was one where young people always loved to go. Mr. Ramsey led an upright, honest life, always trying to do all the good he could. He was called to various positions of public trust by his neighbors and friends, which demonstrated the faith they had in his integrity as a citizen. He lived a long life, was a good husband, and father and his bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.